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### Annual energy cost adjustment

## **Price increase of 1.8% proposed for most customers**

BOISE, Idaho, Monday, Feb. 2, 2015—Rocky Mountain Power's annual energy cost adjustment for 2015 proposes a 1.8 percent overall increase for residential, commercial and irrigation customers, with a larger increase for two large industrial customers.

The energy cost adjustment mechanism is designed to track the difference between the company's actual expenses for fuel and other costs to provide electricity to customers, and the amount collected recently from customers through current prices. Pending commission approval, the adjustment would take effect April 1, 2015.

Unlike the 2014 adjustment, in which most customers saw a 2 percent reduction in their electric prices, this year's increase is primarily driven by increased fuel costs, lower hydroelectric conditions and lower revenues from electricity sales to other companies, which are credited to customers. The proposed increase will allow Rocky Mountain Power to continue to provide safe, reliable electric service to its customers.

The company's proposal requests that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission approve deferral of the 2014 energy related costs of \$16.6 million and increase revenues collected through the energy cost adjustment mechanism, Schedule 94, by \$10.7 million.

The proposal would increase the average residential customer's monthly bill by \$1.70. The following is a summary of the percentage impacts by customer class:

- Residential customers – \$1.2 million increase or 1.6 percent
- Commercial and most industrial customers – \$1 million increase ranging from 1.7 percent to 2.6 percent, depending on the rate schedule
- Irrigation customers – \$1.1 million increase or 1.9 percent
- Industrial customer, tariff Schedule 400 – \$6.8 million increase or 8.1 percent
- Industrial customer, Schedule 401 – \$0.5 million increase or 8.0 percent

The public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposal during the coming months as the commission studies the company's request. The commission must approve the proposed changes before they can take effect. A copy of the company's application is available for public review at the commission offices in Boise and at the company's offices in Rexburg, Preston, Shelley and Montpelier.

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